

**Maryland's HealthChoice §1115 Waiver  
Assistance in Community Integration Services Community Health Pilot**

**Summary**

As part of Maryland's HealthChoice §1115 Waiver Renewal, the State is offering local governments the opportunity to request matching federal funds for the Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS) Pilot. Each ACIS Pilot program will be managed locally by a lead local governmental entity (Lead Entity) that has the ability to fund fifty percent of total ACIS Pilot costs with local dollars, provide leadership, and coordinate with key community partners to implement the Pilot. Each Lead Entity may also identify other entities that will participate and assist the Lead Entity in providing services in the ACIS Pilot (Participating Entities).

**Funding Opportunity**

ACIS Pilots will be effective starting from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, and are expected to receive matching federal funding for the 4 ½ years duration of the waiver. Specifically, up to \$1.2 million in matching federal financial funds are available annually. When combined with the local non-federal share, ACIS pilot expenditures may total up to \$2.4 million annually. ACIS Pilots will be required to report on performance measures and share data for evaluation purposes in order to receive funding. Annual ACIS Pilot participation is capped at 300 Medicaid beneficiaries total.

**Target Population**

The intent of the ACIS Pilot is to provide tenancy-based case management services/tenancy support services, and housing case management services to a population that meets the needs-based criteria specified below, capped at 300 individuals annually. The state's needs based criteria are specified below:

1. Health criteria (at least one)
  - a. Repeated incidents of emergency department (ED) use (defined as more than 4 visits per year) or hospital admissions; or
  - b. Two or more chronic conditions as defined in Section 1945(h)(2) of the Social Security Act.
2. Housing Criteria (at least one)
  - a. Individuals who will experience homelessness upon release from the settings defined in 24 CFR 578.3; or
  - b. Those at imminent risk of institutional placement.

**Timeline**

HVS PILOT TIMELINE	DATES
Release Letter of Intent request for Community Health Pilots	July 5, 2017
Webinar for ACIS Pilot Letter of Intent	July 12, 2017, 1:30 - 3pm
Letters of Intent due from Lead Entities to DHMH	July 19, 2017
ACIS Pilot Application Published by DHMH, FAQs released	August 2, 2017
ACIS Pilot Application Process Webinar and Review of FAQs	August 16, 2017

ACIS Pilot Applications due to DHMH	September 18, 2017
Calls with applicants (clarification & modification discussions)	September 20-22, 2017
ACIS Pilot Award Notifications ( <i>expected, pending final CMS approval</i> )	October 23, 2017
ACIS Pilots Begin (Based upon approved Pilot implementation plans)	Oct./Nov. 2017

**For further information or questions about the ACIS pilot funding opportunity, please visit the DHMH [website](#) or email [dhmh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov).**